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Applicants hereby petition to make this application special under 37 CFR

1.102(d). All of the claims are directed to a single invention.

Accompanying this petition are the following Attachments:

(A) a First Statement by Attorney in Support of Petition to Make Special, which  
sets forth that a pre-examination search has been made, and the search results;

(B) a copy of the references revealed in the search; and

(C) a Second Statement by Attorney in Support of Petition to Make Special, which  
sets forth a detailed discussion of the references. The detailed discussion points out with  
the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is  
patentable over the references.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee pursuant to 37 CFR  
1.17(h) is enclosed herewith.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Petition or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorney.

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FIRST STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY  
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I, David A. Fox (Registration No. 38,807) of Cantor Colburn LLP, 55 Griffin Road South, Bloomfield, CT 06002 (Telephone No. (860) 286-2929), am the attorney of record in this application and make the following statements.

A search for prior art relevant to this application was commissioned through a third party searcher. The search results are submitted herewith. The searcher indicated that the search was conducted in class 705, subclasses 4 and 27. This search satisfies the pre-examination search required under MPEP § 708.02.

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SECOND STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY  
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MPEP 708.02.VIII requires a detailed discussion of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims. The most relevant reference is West et al. A detailed discussion of the differences between West and the claimed subject matter of this application is set forth below.

The claims in this application all relate to bundling the cost of one or more services along with the cost of a jewelry item. This allows the purchaser to buy a single item with one or more services included. Claims 1 and 15 recite bundling registration services with loss protection services. Claim 25 recites that registration services are initiated at a wholesale level and the cost incorporated in the cost of the jewelry item. Claim 26 recites that loss protection services or registration services are initiated at a wholesale level and the cost incorporated in the cost of the jewelry item.

West fails to disclose these features. West is directed to the sale of jewelry and diamonds which involves selecting a theme under which the jewelry is sold. The theme is advertised and the jewelry may be modified to include insignia indicative of the theme. There is no discussion in West of bundling insurance and/or loss protection services with a jewelry item. Thus, West cannot anticipate or obviate the claimed invention.

The remaining references, Wunderlick and Vanier, relate to gemstone identification, not sales of jewelry items including the bundling of services such as loss protection or registration.

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